

DISTRICT II ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes – August 7, 2000

The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 7 p.m. at the Patrol East Substation, 350 S. Edgemoor.

Members Present

David Babich
Tom Byrne
Michele Chauncey
Tod Ford
Charlotte Foster
John Fuller*
Mary Herrin
Alice James
Council Member Joe Pisciotte
Mike Pompeo

Members Absent

Shirley Jefferson
George Laham
Susan Leasure
Eric Russell*

Guests

B.J. Bartlett, 6227 E. 17th St. North
Barry Carroll, MAPD
Russ Dennis, 5726 Castle
Willa Dennis, 5726 Castle
Nile Dilmore, WIN
Gordon Dolton, 6514 Farmview
Linda Dolton, 6514 Farmview
Agnes Dupont, 6716 Farmview
Charles Dupont, 6716 Farmview
Dennis Dye, 6414 Farmview
Larry Garcia, Fire Chief
Paul Gunzelman, Acting Traffic Engineer
Leon Moeder, 1047 River Blvd.
John C. Shaft, 6504 Farmview
Gary Wiley, PEC

* Denotes alternate DAB member

Council Member Pisciotte called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Michele Chauncey (Charlotte Foster) moved that the minutes of the July 17, 2000 meeting be approved as submitted. The motion passed (8-0).

Michele Chauncey (Tom Byrne) moved the agenda be approved as amended. Item 4 will be pulled from the agenda. The motion passed (8-0).

No items were submitted for the unfinished business, or traffic agenda.

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Alternative Correctional Housing

Nile Dilmore, Wichita Independent Neighborhoods (WIN), discussed a proposed amendment to standards adopted by the Alternative Correctional Housing Board (ACH). The amendment would allow ACH facilities to employ inmates in non-supervisory capacities. The **District Advisory Board** inquired as to the number of ACH facilities operating in Wichita, and how many of these employ inmates. **Dilmore** responded that there are currently eight of these

facilities within the city limits and only one of these facilities employs inmates. **David Babich** asked what is the primary mission of these facilities. **Dilmore** replied the primary purpose of these facilities is to help with the transition of inmates from structured correctional facilities to non-structured living environments. **Tod Ford** asked if WIN was concerned with a potential conflict of interest. **Dilmore** responded that the problem is with the determination of which positions are non-supervisory, and that this is a grey area which needs clarification..

NEW BUSINESS

2. Sidewalk Installations

Paul Gunzelman, Acting Traffic Engineer, presented information concerning two proposed sidewalk projects within District II. There will be a sidewalk installed on the east side of Oliver, from Gilbert to Morris. The second sidewalk will be built on the west side of Rock Road, from 13th Street North to Polo. The projects could begin as early as September with completion occurring early in 2001.

3. Fireworks Presentation

Larry Garcia, Fire Chief, addressed questions concerning issues associated with fireworks and whether there is a need to make changes in the applicable ordinances. **Council Member Pisciotte** asked **Garcia** what his thoughts were and what is the position of the Fire Department. **Garcia** responded the current ordinance allows celebration items, all capable of hurting people. Devices that violate the ordinance should be fired where purchased. The Fire Chief expressed his views, based on meetings with twenty-five fire chiefs around the country, that the consensus is towards banning fireworks except for professional demonstrations. Mention has also been made of creating designated areas in which citizens can use fireworks. **Council Member Pisciotte** suggested the issue would be revisited and the ordinances will be reviewed.

PLANNING AGENDA

4. ZON2000-00030

This item was pulled from the agenda.

5. ZON2000-0033

Barry Carroll, MAPD, presented this requested zone change which involves a zone change from single family residential to general office and limited commercial. **Carroll** also introduced a conditional use associated with the case to allow construction of self-service storage warehouses. Nearby residents presented a petition signed by forty-nine citizens against the zone change. The residents of the area expressed their desire that self-storage warehouses not be built on the site.

The **District Advisory Board** listened to presentations by MAPD, the developers and the agent for the property owner. Following the presentations the DAB allowed the affected residents to present their reasons for being in opposition to the project. The residents reasons for disapproval of the project were: 1) potential increase in traffic; 2) the storage facility would change the aesthetics of the community; and 3) general feelings that the land could be put to better use.

Following the public presentation the DAB asked questions of all involved parties and recommended unanimously (8-0) to the MAPC the zone change be approved. The DAB recommended (7-1) (Pompeo) disapproval of the conditional use and suggested the developer meet with the area residents in an effort to reach an agreement. The DAB gave the following reasons for disapproval: 1) warehouse facilities may change the character and aesthetics of the area; 2) neighborhood opposition to the project; 3) there were no artists renderings of the project made available; and 4) the developer did not attempt to consult neighboring residents.

BOARD AGENDA

4. District II update

Council Member Pisciotte informed the DAB members of discussions with a representative of School Services & Leasing Inc. regarding the number of buses traveling through the area near Zimmerly and Dalton. He also met with Deputy Chief Stolz with concerns of speeding in the area. The discussions are a result of residents near the Zimmerly and Dalton area expressing concern with traffic in their neighborhood.

Council Member Pisciotte reported the approval of a fencing project by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). Residents of the Longview area petitioned for an extension of the concrete wall which lies south of Kellogg. Highway safety standards do not permit extending the concrete wall westerly. The wall will be extended forty feet with wrought iron fencing.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Submitted by,

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